

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 29, 2013

MINUTES

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at 11:00 a.m. on January 29, 2013 at 1700 West Washington St., Room 200, Phoenix AZ 85007. *(Full transcript available on request)*

Members Present

Dora Vasquez, Chairman	Beth Grindell, Director Arizona State Museum – via phone
The Honorable Ken Bennett Secretary of State	Joan Clark, State Librarian
Catherine May, Public Member, SRP	John Langellier, Director Sharlot Hall Museum
Teresita Majewski Historic Sites Review Committee – via phone	Scott Cancelosi, Citizen Public Member
Carol Warren, Citizen Public Member – via phone	Juliana Yoder, Citizen Public Member
Karen Liersch on behalf of John Huppenthal Arizona Department of Education	James Garrison State Historic Preservation Officer Arizona State Parks
Lisa Schnebly-Heidinger, Citizen Public Member	

Members Absent

Karen Churchard, Citizen, Public Member	Anne Woosley, Executive Director Arizona Historical Society
Marc Ashton CEO, Foundation for Blind Children	Mark Stanton on behalf of Sherry Henry Arizona Office of Tourism
Jay Ziemann on behalf of Director Renee Bahl, Arizona State Parks	

Staff Present

Anne Wallace – AHAC Consultant	Sharyl Bales, Kelly Services
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Guests

Terry Berrett, CFO Sharlot Hall Museum	Matt Roberts, PIO Secretary of State's Office
Kim Crawford, Communications Specialist Secretary of State's Office	

CALL TO ORDER

Upon reaching a quorum, Dora Vasquez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

John Langellier introduced Mr. Terry Berrett, CFO, Sharlot Hall Historical Society of Arizona.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Schnebly-Heidinger moved to approve the October 26, 2012 minutes. Karen Liersch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Ms. Vasquez advised that there were no new item to report.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Arizona State Library Legislation

Joan Clark apprised the Commission of legislation introduced by Senator Yee (SB1099) on behalf of the State Library, Archives and Public Records (LAPR). The issue is that electronic records are inherently unstable and LAPR has worked for three years under a federal grant to develop a prototype electronic repository system that incorporates industry standards for the storage, preservation, access and security of the permanent electronic records transferred by law to LAPR. The federal grant has ended and, in order to continue work on this necessary project, it will require \$775,000 for the initial year of funding.

Catherine May moved to support this bill on behalf of LAPR. Karen Liersch seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion of the motion, the language was amended to submit a formal letter to the Legislature in support of the bill which would reflect the membership of all AHAC members.

Question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Vasquez advised that the Treasurer was not at the meeting and, since there is a new report format, this matter will be tabled until the next AHAC meeting.

Goldwater Statue

Ms. Vasquez reported that she, Secretary of State Bennett, Jim Drake and Anne Wallace had a recent meeting with Peggy Goldwater and Michael Goldwater to discuss the progress on the Goldwater Statue. During the meeting, it was noted that the Centennial Foundation would no longer be AHAC's fiscal agent for this project. Arrangements have been made with Sharlot Hall Historical Society of Arizona (SHHS). A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented to AHAC members for approval.

Terry Berrett, CFO, for SHHS advised that they have an empty account which will be used for this donor restricted fund and that it will have a separate accounting mechanism in place. He requested guidance from the Commission on the level of detail required in the monthly accounting report.

Ms. Vasquez asked for a motion to accept the MOU with the Sharlot Hall Historical Society of Arizona to serve as the fiscal agent for the Goldwater Statue Project.

Motion was made by Catherine May and seconded by Jim Garrison.

The motion passed unanimously.

Visiting the Artist's Studio

Jim Drake, Joan Clark, Terry Majewski and Anne Wallace met with the artist at her studio in Sonoita.

Ms. Wallace reported that the Goldwater Statue was originally contracted with the artist to be 7 ft. tall. The Architect of the Capitol wants the statue to be 8 ft tall. An estimate for the additional casting charge is not yet available.

Ms. Clark reported that the visit was inspiring. She noted that the artist spent a great deal of time explaining her process of sculpting including the importance of proportion and perspective.

Ms. Majewski reported that it was an impressive visit that clearly showed how much creative energy and decision making occurs in advance of the actual execution of the project.

Ms. Wallace noted that the clay model, which is the next step in the process, will be completed at the end of March. March 28th has been scheduled as a tentative date for the next Commission site visit. AHAC must approve the clay model before it goes to the Architect of the Capitol for final approval.

Centennial Legacy Projects

Memorializing the Projects

Ms. Vasquez noted that a proposal had been made to memorialize the 203 Centennial Legacy Projects with a plaque.

Ms. May suggested that these projects deserved more than just a plaque. After considerable discussion, an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Scott Cancelosi, Catherine May, John Langellier and Julie Yoder

was appointed to review the options for memorializing the Centennial Legacy Projects and to report back to the Commission at the next meeting. Anne Wallace will staff the meeting.

Mr. Langellier noted the significant contribution of Julie Yoder as Chair of the Centennial Legacy Project Committee and a round of applause from the Commission ensued.

Arizona's 101st Statehood Day Celebration

Ms. Wallace reported that on Thursday, February 14th, the Statehood Day celebrations would begin at noon with The Polly Rosenbaum Award and the Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest Winners. At 1:00 p.m. will be the 48 Women Luncheon followed at 2:30 p.m. by the 48 Women Speakers Forum. At 5:30 p.m., the Centennial Capstone Reception and the permanent lighting of the Capitol Dome will commence.

Centennial Medallions

Ms. Wallace reported that AHAC has sold 208 copper and 21 silver medallions. Money is being refunded on a gold medallion at the request of the purchaser and, therefore, two gold medallions are available for purchase.

World War II Memorial Names Project

Secretary of State Bennett reported that over 2,000 names have been identified as Arizonan's who were killed as a result of the sinking of the USS Arizona. A plaque with all of these names is planned for the Memorial.

In addition, one gun from the USS Arizona and one gun from the USS Missouri are in a storage facility in the Phoenix area and the National Guard has agreed to undertake the sandblasting of the guns to return them to prime condition.

There was a groundbreaking for the World War II Memorial on December 7, 2012 (Pearl Harbor Day) and a large celebration is being planned for the dedication of the Memorial which is scheduled for December 7, 2013.

Secretary of State Bennett requested that AHAC agree to be the organization that develops and executes a process and protocol by which families can request additions or changes to the names that will be honored as having died in service aboard the USS Arizona.

Motion was made by Catherine May to approve the Secretary of State's request.

Joan Clark seconded the motion.

Questions were raised about the approval of language on the Memorial. Secretary of State Bennett reported that this project has been approved by the Government Mall Commission. Some questions remained as to whether the Legislative Council needed to be included as well.

Ms. Vasquez summarized the issues that AHAC will need to establish as vetting, approval and appeal. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Vasquez will work on developing a questionnaire through a contact at ASU and Mr. Langellier will use his resources to put together a protocol for families to follow in order to obtain data from NARA and other military document centers.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There is no activity to report under this agenda item.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

As the Commission is now meeting quarterly, no date has been scheduled for the next meeting. Members will be notified of the date and time.

Ms. Vasquez requested that Commission members send any agenda items to Anne Wallace.

Jim Garrison stated that he would like Terry Majewski to make a report on the Historic Sites Review Committee at the next meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

John Langellier reported that February 24th is the 150th anniversary of Arizona becoming a territory in 1863. A new gallery is opening in Prescott on that date and Mr. Langellier invited Commission members to attend.

Joan Clark advised the Commission that a new exhibit is also opening in the Capitol Museum in honor of the 150th anniversary. Titled Arizona Takes Shape, it opens on February 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.